



SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 8, 1902.

AMONG those who are feeding many thoughtless persons in this city with idle dreams concerning utopian conditions were Alexandria a part of the District of Columbia is Mr. Park Agnew, at present collector of internal revenue for the eastern district of Virginia and for four years postmaster in this city. Among other reasons why he thinks Virginia should be despoiled of Alexandria city and county is because the government "ought to take it." Another equally logical reason and one we never thought of before, and which seems to be incontrovertible, is the splendid atmosphere of Washington in contrast with that of Alexandria. The third reason why Alexandria should be a part of the District is, in Mr. Agnew's opinion, of a social and moral nature upon which he thinks it is unnecessary to dwell. The difference between the atmosphere of Washington and Alexandria is a serious matter and one which should be considered closely, as there are nearly seven miles between the two cities. Now how the smoke of manufacturing can in any way seriously interfere with the growth or prosperity of the capital city no one can understand, especially when every visitor to London knows that potteries are tolerated on the south bank of the Thames in close proximity to the Parliament House and Westminster Abbey. The people of Washington have for some time been endeavoring to attract manufacturers to that city, and should Alexandria be forced into the District all such industries would be kept north of the Potomac, as was the case before 1846 when Alexandria was a part of the District. The insinuation that social and moral reasons exist why Alexandria should go back to the District is ambiguous. Mr. Agnew may mean Alexandria will prove the haven of righteousness or he may mean the opposite. This he will probably explain later. The reasons above enumerated should be weighed carefully and solemnly by the Senate judiciary committee, as grave and momentous. Mr. Agnew is a gentleman known and respected by all Alexandrians, against whom personally no one would say aught; but, though we speak with all friendliness, he is the type of a number of other gentlemen of this city who owe their all to Alexandria. Many of them came here a third of a century ago with industry only as their capital in trade. They have flourished and some have made fortunes, yet they are the most uncharitable and critical when old Alexandria is mentioned to them, and dream of memorial bridges, Appian ways, Mount Vernon avenues, &c., were the city back into the District. Such hallucinations are about as tangible as the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow or the golden fleece. Mr. Agnew, clever citizen as he is, owes his all to his adopted city, where he has made friends outside of the republican party, and his prominence and popularity with both organizations was the cause of his political success which probably would not have been so pronounced had he started in the race of life in some larger city where the road to eminence would have been more closely contested and where he could not have drifted with the tide. He has no reason to complain of Alexandria, and should be the last one to kick over the ladder which has brought him where he is.

It is now said the ways and means committee of the House will report on Cuban reciprocity after the war revenue reduction bill is disposed of. This is not because the members of the committee wish to report on this measure, but because they will be forced to do so and they fear that public sentiment is against them and that if they do not make some concessions soon they will have to make greater ones later. When such protectionists as Senator Platt, of Connecticut, says, "I believe that proper and reasonable tariff concessions can be made on Cuban products in return for Cuban tariff concessions on American products which would greatly benefit the trade of both countries and not appreciably injure any American industry. I think the cause of protection is being wounded now in the house of its professed friends, and that the free trader cannot injure the cause of protection as much as protectionists who insist upon unreasonable and unnecessary custom dues," other protectionists can have little excuse for denying relief to Cuba, but in addition to this President Roosevelt is quoted as having said to prominent members of the ways and means committee that they "must" offer relief to Cuba. With the President, the Senate and a large number of republican members of the House against them, it will not be long before the committee will recommend "concessions" to Cuba.

as written by himself, in a neat and attractive volume which will be a valuable addition to the tables of all homes in Virginia. While the judge's style is entertaining and his descriptions vivid, he has rescued from neglect, if not from seeming oblivion, much interesting history and many spots connected with Washington and Mount Vernon. Besides all this the history he reproduces is something more than bare annals. While the facts are carefully gathered and presented, their recital, comments and references are in the judge's well-known happy style. During the time Judge Sever was gathering and preparing his data he visited Alexandria and personally inspected every locality made interesting by its association with Washington. While here he had interviews with numbers of Alexandrians posted in such matters, and carefully gathered all that could in any way render his volume entertaining. He personally visited the historic spots surrounding Mount Vernon and has blended the recollections of by-gone days in a most entrancing manner. The book has beautiful and correct illustrations which will be studied with much interest.

THE AUTHORITIES of Wilkesbarre, Pa., have begun a war of extermination against cats and dogs, which animals they imagine spread smallpox. Two thousand felines and canines have been corralled for slaughter. In cases of epidemic people are affected by all sorts of hallucinations. When the cholera raged in Paris about two-thirds of a century ago the Parisians supposed the doctors were propagating it, and many years before when the same disease spread in other parts of Europe a brilliant comet in the sky was supposed to have produced the malady. About the same time the Mussulmans were threatening continental Europe, and people in their prayers besought the Lord to deliver them from the comet and the Turk. Now in the twentieth century inoffensive domestic animals are believed to be propagating infection.

THE CHARLESTON, W. Va., town council, in response to a petition from Lawson Betty Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, has passed an order declaring the play of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" shall not hereafter be rendered in the town. The company now on the road in New Jersey and which has been exhibiting the play in all its extravaganzas and improbabilities was mobbed yesterday by a number of students. It seems most persons in all sections of the country are becoming tired of this absurd exhibition which is a malicious libel on the southern people.

THE COUNTY and city treasurers will meet in Richmond on Wednesday to endeavor to have the constitutional convention reconsider its determination to make treasurers ineligible to office after they have served two terms, and in their endeavors the treasurers deserve the support of all sensible men. The treasurers neither make, construe or enforce laws, but simply collect tax bills, and if they faithfully and efficiently perform their duties, there is no reason why they should not serve for as many terms as their constituents choose to elect them.

AND NOW the English sparrow, heretofore regarded only as a nuisance, is accused of attempted manslaughter. A farmer in Pitts Hollow, Ky., says he was attacked by them and had a narrow escape from being killed. These birds are becoming more numerous each year in Alexandria. They are very familiar and at times do not seem disposed to get out of the way of human beings. It is hoped they will not be seized with a homicidal mania.

FROM WASHINGTON.
(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, February 8.—The orators of the House will again hear the orator of the day for their next week, and, unless appropriation bills interfere, the much vexed bill will reach a vote before Saturday. The Indian appropriation bill will also come up for consideration and a big batch of war claims will be passed. The revenue reduction bill is likely to be called up in the House in the near future, but it is scarcely probable that this measure will be reached within the next ten days or two weeks. Today at one o'clock the House will listen to eulogies upon the memory of the late Representative Burke, of Texas. Consideration of the Philippine bill will be resumed in the Senate on Monday and it is confidently expected that the bill will be passed towards the close of the week. On Friday next eulogies will be delivered on the late Representative Brooks, of Pennsylvania.

A large number of clerks in the census bureau were discharged today. Gov. Laff says the published suggestion that he is not going back to the Philippines and that he is going into the Cabinet is ridiculous. He says if he is physically able and if the President and Secretary of War are willing, he will be back in Manila early in May. The subcommittee of the House committee on post offices and post roads today finished work on the post office appropriation bill, and it will be reported to the full committee next week. It will carry about \$125,000,000 and is the largest of all the great supply bills. Representative Grover (rep.), Ohio, today introduced in the House the honor bill, which has been favorably reported to the Senate, limiting the meaning of the word "conspiracy" and the use of "restraining orders and injunctions" in disputes between employees and employers. Telegraphic communications received at the White House from Groton this morning announce that the condition of Theodore Roosevelt, jr., is slightly improved though his temperature is still alarmingly high and his pulse is rapid. No definite changes have been made in the programme of the President's Charleston trip, the entire matter being left in abeyance until Monday,

when his son's condition will determine the trip. At noon Secretary Cortelyou issued the following: "The condition of the President's son is favorable. The doctors say that the President should not go to Charleston, as at any time within six days the disease may take a sudden turn for the worse; and the President is asked not to come to Groton as his visit might excite the boy, who has not been in immediate danger." The President has decided that he will make the Charleston trip as soon as possible after he recovers.

Representative Rixey has introduced a bill in the House inquiring into the expediency of building government ships in United States navy yards. Mr. Rixey has also introduced a bill requesting the Secretary of the Treasury to inform the House of the amount of the fines collected by courts martial from the volunteers furnished by the several States and Territories in the war with Spain; also whether said fines have been kept as a separate fund, and whether the same so remain.

Senator Jones, chairman of the national democratic committee, in a discussion today relative to the future policy of his party, declared that while anti-imperialism might not be the paramount issue of the next national campaign, he believes it would be a most prominent one. The Senator would not concede that party leaders were perfecting plans for the entire elimination of the policy of those who held the imprint of Bryanism. Upon this point, he touched warily. "No one can at this time," he said, "predict what the future policy of any party will be. It may be that the democratic party will find it advisable to eliminate certain policies of the past. If so, it will be done. I have authorized no one to define my beliefs as to what action will be taken."

Representative Latham, of the House judiciary committee, today submitted a resolution to the Ray anti-anarchy bill. He approves the bill so far as it is intended to keep out anarchy, but he opposes the special punishment for attacks on the President and other high officials for the reason that he opposes the passage of any law which singles out any citizen of this country and make it a special or peculiar offense to take his life as contradistinguished from that of any other citizen.

Representative Bartholomew, of Missouri, and Gibson, of Tennessee, today addressed the House committee on the election of president and vice president, urging a favorable report on the bill providing punishment for frauds at elections of representatives in Congress. This is the bill designated by southern republicans to supersede the Crumpacker plan of restricting southern congressional representation.

Admiral Walker refused to answer certain questions propounded by Senator Morgan before the Senate judiciary committee today morning in reference to the Panama canal route. The queries regarded diplomatic matters between the United States and the Colombian government. If Senator Morgan should at some future time insist on answers to his questions and the Admiral refuses, then, according to precedents, he can be sent to jail.

It is generally understood among the close friends of Lyman J. Gage that he has been offered the presidency of the Continental Trust Company, of New York, and that he will accept the place. With the complete paralysis of Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the last hopes for her recovery have been abandoned and it is now but a matter of awaiting the end. Her strength is nearly exhausted and her death may occur at any time. Secretary Long yesterday afternoon for Boston, accompanying Mrs. Roosevelt to the city. He is to deliver an address before the Middlesex Club tonight in Boston. It is understood that while the Secretary is in Boston he will make arrangements for re-opening private life. There is little doubt but that it is his intention to give up the navy post this spring.

At the request of Prince Henry, transmitted through the German Embassy and the State Department, Rear Admiral Hobbs D. Evans was today assigned for duty as a special aide to his Royal Highness during the latter's tour in this country. This honor is bestowed upon Admiral Evans in addition to his membership on the general committee of arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the Prince.

Governor Laff renewed his testimony before the Senate committee this morning. It consisted mostly of references to the internal government of the islands and what he supposed to be the best method of improving it.

Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson today closes a career of 45 years of active service in the navy. He is 62nd birthday, his name will be placed on the retired list, in accordance with the age limit law. On his annual pay will be \$4,781.25, or 75 per cent of the pay of a senior rear admiral for shore duty during active service.

Representative Weeks, of Michigan, thinks Washington ought to have a speedway and has introduced a bill authorizing the District Commissioners to set aside certain streets as a driveway on which the speed shall not be restricted.

Maria Halpin, who figured prominently in the Cleveland campaign, died of pneumonia at New Rochelle, N. Y., yesterday.

The united Irish Societies of Cincinnati through their president, Joseph P. Kealy, have made public a protest against the visit of Miss Alice Roosevelt to the coronation of King Edward. They think she should rather carry a petition asking mercy for the Irish in their battle for independence.

Admiral and Mrs. Schley arrived in Washington from their Western tour this morning and went to their apartments in the Richmond.

Without division the House yesterday evening passed the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bills, the second of the regular supply bills, carrying with it an amendment providing for the President may at any time during the fiscal year 1902, transfer all of the temporary employees of the Government to the classified service. This provision affects nearly 1,200 clerks and others employed chiefly in Washington. As passed the bill carries \$25,171,969 which is \$503,721 in excess of the current law.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. John M. Lupton, a prominent citizen of Winchester, died Wednesday night, aged 62 years.

Mrs. Mary H. Gardner, aged 75 years, of Rappahannock county, died suddenly at the home of Miss Ella Elliott, at Front Royal, Wednesday.

Mrs. John B. Luttrell died at her home at Heathsville, yesterday of consumption. She was the wife of Captain Luttrell, who once represented the county in the Legislature, and before her marriage was a Miss Claughton.

The second largest pickle factory in the world will be erected at Port Norfolk by Mr. Heinz, of Pittsburgh. The plant will employ hundreds of hands. It has been located at Port Norfolk because of the proximity of the great truck gardens of Norfolk county.

The Southern Foundry and Machine Works of Fredericksburg have been sold by Charles Tyler, of Baltimore, the owner, to John T. Dale, of Chicago, for \$70,000. Mr. Dale will form a joint stock company and conduct the business on a very much larger scale.

In the county court in Winchester yesterday afternoon a commission was appointed to examine into the sanity of James M. Adams, under indictment for arson. Adams jumped his bail, was located in Massillon, Ohio, this week, and was brought back yesterday by his bondsman, Mr. Clark H. Purcell, and surrendered to the court.

William McGee, the colored youth arrested some days ago for burglarizing the store of W. E. Baker, at Dogue, in King George county, was sentenced yesterday to serve a two-year term in the penitentiary. In the afternoon as the jailer went in the jail McGee bolted out of the door, but only got a short distance, when he was recaptured and put in a cell.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

The constitutional convention yesterday plunged into the further consideration of the report of the committee on corporations. Chairman Braxton, at the head of the committee, made a report of the majority plan for a railroad commission, that the committee had no idea of doing any of the wild things that had been attributed to them; but to meet every criticism the committee recommended that a clause be inserted in one section declaring that no bill or resolution should be introduced which would impair or abridge the full power of a transportation or transmission company to manage and operate its own franchises, etc. In another section the specific provision would be inserted that no change of classification, rate or rule should become operative or go into effect until at least 10 days after its adoption, the company or companies affected having had full notice beforehand. The amendment would meet the criticism that the railroad were not given an appeal to the Supreme Court from a rule prescribing schedules or additional facilities. The amendments suggested by Chairman Braxton created a flutter among the opponents of his report. They covered the principal points of attack made against it in the arguments heretofore made. Judge Kendall resumed the argument before Judge Braxton. He declared the threat that if the majority report were adopted it would cause the railroads to enter Virginia politics would not deter him. These great corporations, he declared, had long been in politics and he observed were generally on top in these contests. Judge Robertson immediately delivered an exhaustive argument in opposition to both plans. At its close, Mr. Stebbins spoke in favor of the majority report. No vote was taken.

In the democratic conference of members of the Constitutional Convention yesterday afternoon Mr. Glass concluded his speech in advocacy of his suffragian plan, which embraces the temporary understanding clause, and Mr. R. L. Gordon spoke for the majority report or permanent understanding clause. Mr. Glass made a strong defense of the temporary understanding clause. He discussed the various other plans, declaring the grandfather clause was so clearly unconstitutional he did not believe for a moment it would be adopted. He read statistics to show that a property qualification of \$100, which had been introduced by Mr. Moncure, would disfranchise every white voter in Stafford county, except about three hundred. The senator defended the poll-tax prerequisite, and said it would eliminate the negro vote, as had been shown in other States.

Mr. Gordon, in supporting the majority report, declared he and others from the "black belt" would infinitely prefer the present system under the name of law, infamous as it was, to have to be put off with such a makeshift as a poll-tax prerequisite, which was the principal feature of the Glass plan, after a single election. He said no matter what law was adopted it would be open to fraud.

No vote was taken and the conference adjourned, to meet on Tuesday, when it is quite certain that a vote will be reached, and according to what seems the best calculation it will be very close. The strength of those who favor the grandfather clause is put at 25, but they claim to have more. However, it is venturing little to say that most members believe some sort of an understanding clause will be agreed upon finally.

CHARLESTON TRACK TO CHANGE HANDS.—President Wall, of the Charleston, S. C., Racing Association, has notified the Exposition Company that he would surrender the management of the Exposition track to the Board of Directors. The Exposition Company is of the opinion that it can make money out of the track and has been trying to get control for some time. This belief, however, may be due to ignorance, as the association of which Wall is president has lost more than \$20,000 since the meeting started in December. Turf men doubt the ability of the Exposition Company to continue the meeting and they are uncertain about the future. Wall and his associates, according to the reports Tuesday night, may draw out at any time and may pass the races will close.

Many of this latest move, the plan for a mile track in Charleston has been abandoned and Wall, Joe Ullman and others will build a mile track in Atlanta for regular winter racing.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FOREIGN NEWS.
Paris, Feb. 8.—Official circles here are disgusted by the report that the Kaiser intends to visit the czar in the spring before President Loubet makes his trip to Russia. The memory of the fact that the Kaiser would visit the czar while the latter was on route for his last visit to France still rankles. The Kaiser, though in official circles say, is perpetually taking the wind out of the French sails.

Rome, Feb. 8.—The gifts of a statue of Goethe to the Kaiser, a bust of Victor Hugo from the Franco-Italian League of Paris, and a statue of Shakespeare from Englishmen, to Rome have aroused a desire in the American colony to present to this city a monument to the poet Longfellow, executed by an American sculptor here, possibly Franklin Simmons.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Prince Victor Napoleon, the royalist leader, today issued an election manifesto. In the manifesto the Prince expressed himself as in favor of a return of the imperial form of government, and a reduction of military service. He says he is in favor of the maintenance of peace. He opposes socialist interference with the wages and hours of labor. Prince Victor concluded by stating that he is willing to act as the leader of the French people.

London, Feb. 8.—The Inspector General of the Royal Irish Constabulary reports that during the quarter ending December 31st, 1901, seventy-seven outrages were perpetrated by the agrarian element in Ireland.

A Gigantic Combination.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Negotiations are now in progress in this city and New York for the consolidation of the principal traction interests of this city into one large company which will control the local transportation field. It is probable that this is the preliminary step to merging local traction lines into a gigantic company with a capital of at least one-third of a billion dollars, which is to control the transportation companies in five or more of the principal cities of the United States. The local combination and the giant national concern are being planned by the Whitney-Elkins-Widener-Bryan syndicate of New York and Philadelphia capitalists, with the aid of J. P. Morgan. Other negotiations looking to the preparation of the New York field for entrance into the national combination are believed to be taking place in that city, it being reported that a securities company with a capital of \$40,000,000 is being formed there to unite the New York traction interests.

Mrs. Roosevelt at Groton.

Groton, Mass., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Roosevelt arrived here at 9:24 this morning on a special car. A carriage from the Groton Academy was waiting at the station and the President's wife, accompanied by her maid, was hurried to the academy and to the room of Theodore, jr. At the station the superintendent of the academy greeted Mrs. Roosevelt and told her that there had been no alarming change in the condition of her son, who is ill with pneumonia, since the early morning reports.

Dr. W. B. Warren, the local physician in attendance upon young Roosevelt, is assisted by the Boston specialist, Dr. Shattuck. The principal of the school and the physicians will refuse to give out any information as to whether there are typical developments.

Walked on River Danube.

Vienna, Feb. 8.—Captain Grossman started on Thursday from Linz for Vienna, a distance of 100 miles, walking on the surface of the River Danube on shoes invented by himself. He covered twenty miles on Thursday, twice his wife in a boat. He was therefore unable to make anywhere near the speed he expected it. It is stated that the passengers along the banks were terrified by the strange spectacle.

The Market.

Georgetown, Feb. 8.—Wheat 75c 3/4.

FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.

SENATE.

The Senate is not session today.

HOUSE.

The House today began work on "unanimous consent" matters, passing a number of small bills.

A bill requiring steam vessels from other countries to submit to boiler inspection at our ports, was passed as well as several measures to remove the charge of desertion from the military records of old soldiers.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Etta Aldrich, aged 18, hanged herself to the kitchen door at her home in Norwich, N. Y., last night. She left a note addressed to a young man with whom attention to her had been paying.

A fire of unknown origin broke out at 9 o'clock this morning in the late at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Four hundred girls students asleep in the dormitories nearby were awakened and something like a small panic ensued. No one, however, was injured.

Rev. Dr. R. W. Hufferd, of Reading, Pa., has been appointed pastor and superintendent of the Lutheran Deaconess Mother-House in Baltimore, Md.

The Cook County Democratic Marching Club of Chicago, 245 strong, on their way to Charleston, arrived at Newport News, Va., this morning.

The Hancock Brewing Company, of Albany, N. Y., has assigned.

The February number of the Southern Planter has been received from its publishers in Richmond. It has an interesting table of contents.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Charles M. Schwab was received in audience by King Edward at Marlborough House, London, yesterday.

Emperor William, according to a Berlin dispatch, has intervened to stem the spread of Christian Science in Germany.

A waterpump has wrecked a station on the Jeronimo-Mexznita Central railway near Rio Janeiro, causing many deaths and great damage to plantations.

Fire in the big car works of the Rock Island Railroad at Horton, Kans., yesterday afternoon caused the death of two persons and the destruction of a quarter million dollars' worth of property.

The Navy Department has selected Medical Director William Suel Dixon to succeed Medical Inspector Presley M. Rixey as officer in charge of the naval dispensary. Dr. Dixon is a resident of the District of Columbia.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 247, as against \$05 last week, 250 in the week last year, 231 in 1900, 193 in 1899, and 278 in 1898. Canadian failures for the week number 29, as against 45 last week, and 34 in the week a year ago.

The representatives of several foreign countries have informed President Roosevelt that their governments will be unable to make creditable exhibits at the St. Louis Exposition unless the opening is postponed until 1905.

It is officially announced that Mrs. J. Gordon Davis will go to Jackson, Miss., to attend the last legislature that will assemble in the historic capital. It is understood "Beauvoir," her old home on the Gulf coast, will be purchased by the State and converted into a home for indigent Confederates.

Advices from Manila are to the effect that the insular presidentes will present a petition to Mgr. Sbarretti, Apostolic Delegate in the Philippines, on his arrival at Manila from Rome, asking the expulsion of the friars and other bishops, "in the interests of the church." The majority of the presidentes have signed the petition.

MR. AGNEW ON RETROCESSION.

"I am strongly of the opinion that the United States Government ought to reacquire the whole of Alexandria county, which was at the outset a part of the District of Columbia," said Mr. Park Agnew, of this city, chairman of the republican State committee and Internal Revenue collector for the district, who was in Washington, yesterday.

As a matter of fact, this land should never have been ceded back to Virginia, and we can at this time realize that it would have been infinitely better to have retained it as a part of the District. In my talks with business people and citizens generally of our town and county, I have found a strong sentiment in favor of getting back into the District. A few people are opposed to it, mainly because they fear such a change might interfere with them in the holding of some State office. It would be a glorious thing for Washington to have the District boundaries thus enlarged. Within the city I see no room for manufactures, and consequently there will be, under present conditions, a large element of the Capital's population without means of livelihood. There are not enough Federal offices for every man to get a job, nor will the payroll of Uncle Sam support more than a fraction of the residents, as the population grows. The remedy for this state of things is to build up great settlements of breadwinners and wage earners on the other side of the Potomac. I think had we the splendid water power of Washington defiled with the smoke of manufacturing plants. Across the river it wouldn't matter, and there all the mills and shops of the District could find homes. There are other reasons of a social and moral nature, unnecessary to dwell upon, that make it desirable for the District to recover this lost territory, and I earnestly hope that the present Congress will take favorable action on the bills that have been offered in Congress with a view to reacquisition."

[If Mr. Agnew is tired of being a Virginian and of holding positions in Virginia, to be consistent, he will of course at once resign his position as internal revenue collector and as chairman of the State republican committee; all of which he will do—in a horn.]

"TALK, TALK, TALK."—During the democratic conference of the constitutional convention which was considering the suffrage question on Thursday evening, Mr. Glass was interrupted in his speech by a sepulchral voice from the direction of the ceiling. The speaker stopped at once, and all eyes were turned in the direction of the sound. Sergeant-at-Arms Watkins and several of the pages hurried to the west gallery, from which direction the voice seemed to emanate. At first the words spoken were indistinct, but finally, as they were repeated, the members understood: "Talk, talk, talk!" There was general laughter, and Captain Watkins and the boys were vigorously at work looking for the owner of the voice. They failed utterly. So it would appear that even the ghosts in Richmond have become weary of conversation talk.

CHICAGO DEMOCRATS.—The Cook county Democratic Club of Chicago, of which Mayor Carter Harrison is the head, en route to the Charleston Exposition, made its first stop in Virginia at Charlottesville yesterday evening. It came in a special train well provided for such a pilgrimage and was met at the station by a committee of citizens, the Chamber of Commerce having appointed for this purpose Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Judge R. T. W. Duke, George Perkins, Capt. M. J. Woods, Judge Geo. W. Morris, Philip Loterman and others. In carriages provided for the purpose a number of the leading members of the club embarked and took the procession of more than 200 Chicago democrats to Hotel Gleason, on west Main street. The entire pageant was headed by De Baugh's Cook county democratic band. At the Gleason Judge R. T. W. Duke welcomed the visitors.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are as easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Richard Gibson druggist.

THE TAX QUESTION.—Lively discussion marked the northwestern suburban citizen's association in Tenleytown last night, when taxation was the chief subject considered. Mr. Lancaster introduced and reported resolutions declaring for a personal tax law in the District of Columbia. Prof. Hooper opposed a law on the ground that it would be ineffectual, but the resolutions were finally unanimously adopted. In the course of the debate Prof. Hooper was accused for his failure to keep his contract with the District, entered into in 1878, according to which the government was to bear one-half of the District expenses. The people of the District outside of Washington are complaining bitterly of the high tax rate on property and want a personal tax levied so as to lighten their burden.

SENATOR HANNA'S DINNER.—Official Washington was entertained in characteristic fashion last night by Senator and Mrs. Hanna at their residence in that city. The reception was planned on such a lavish scale that the large residence of Senator Hanna was deemed inadequate, and the guests were bidden to the Arlington. The reception was the largest and most brilliant private social function of the winter, and the guests included nearly every body of official consequence in Washington. The floral decorations were unusually beautiful, and the entire reception was one of the most enjoyable of the many notable events of this season.

THE FRIARS' LANDS.—Governor Taft, before the Senate committee on Philippines, yesterday advocated the purchase by the government of lands held by the Catholic friars. He urged it in the interest of peace and friendliness, stating that the great present cause of irritation to the Filipinos would be thus removed. A reduction in the Dingley tariff rates on goods exported from the islands to the United States, he declared, was desirable for sentimental reasons, would be a practical demonstration of the intention of the American people to help the Filipinos, and would have an impressive effect upon the latter.

DOMESTIC TROUBLES.—The domestic troubles of Capt. Albert W. Lienthal, United States Army, and his pretty wife, formerly Miss Florence Elwanger, of Rochester, N. Y., came up for review yesterday in the city court of Cook, N. Y. By agreement of counsel an order will be continued behind closed doors. Mrs. Lienthal seeks to have the child of the couple supported by the father, who appeared in court looking as sick and span as a soldier on dress parade. An army officer before adjournment of court is released on a parole promise to appear when the case opens for trial.

SKIN GRAFTED.—After five months of wonderful surgery and skin grafting, Marion Weaver, the five-year-old son of a Chicago preacher, has emerged from the hospital with a new skin. He had been confined to his bed for a long time, and his skin had become so bad that his father and four sisters gave up all hopes of curing him. The boy was brought to the hospital by his mother, who was a nurse. The doctors there decided to try skin grafting. The operation was successful, and the boy is now well and happy.

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List of Unclaimed Letters.
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Boulton & Co.	Moore, Mr. Mary
Bolan, John	Edwards, Mr. Ed
Cullip, F. D.	Thompson, Mrs. R. C.
Dougherty, Floyd B.	Wesley, Henry
Griffin, John	Williams, Fountain
Haley, Bruce	Wills, Mrs. Owen S.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

New York, Feb. 8.—The stock market opened with some hesitation on account of the general impression that an unfavorable bank statement would be issued today. There was no important news, however, and after the first 30 minutes of trading a stronger tone developed.

DIED.
At the home of his son in Philadelphia on Friday, February 7, 1902, JAMES T. BODEN, of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 10 o'clock, from the undertaking establishment of Mr. B. Wheatley.

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